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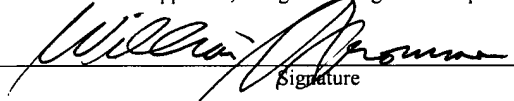
Applicant(s) : Kensuke Fujimoto et al. Notice of Allowance
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RECORDING APPARATUS AND METHOD
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RESPONSE TO EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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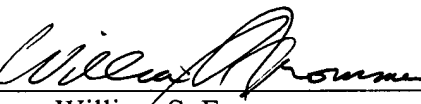
This is in response to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance, which
accompanied the Notice of Allowance mailed April 6, 2003. To the extent the Examiner's
Statement of Reasons for Allowance states, implies or is construed to mean that the claims are

allowable over the prior art of record because the Examiner believes the claims should be interpreted to include one or more features or limitations not recited therein, Applicants' attorney disagrees with such an interpretation. Moreover, it is Applicants' contention that there is no particular limitation in the allowed claims that is more critical than any other. The issuance of the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance should not be construed as a surrender by Applicants of any subject matter. It is the intent of Applicants, by their attorney, to construe the allowed claims so as to cover the invention disclosed in the instant application and all equivalents to which the claimed invention is entitled.

Additionally, Applicants emphasize that the election of species filed November 1, 2004 must be construed as an election of those species represented by drawing Figs. 2, 4, 5, 8, 18 and 19 because all of the claims that were elected and allowed, namely, claims 11-41, read on all of these species. Accordingly, Applicants' election of species should not be interpreted as a disclaimer of any of Species II, represented by Figs. 2, 4 and 8, Species III, represented by Figs. 2, 4 and 18 or Species IV, represented by Figs. 1, 4 and 19.

Respectfully submitted,

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